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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Yasushi YOKOCHI et al.	)	
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Application No.: Unassigned	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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U.S. Filing Date: April 8, 2005	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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National Stage of PCT/JP2003/012029	)	
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PCT Filing Date: September 19, 2003	)	
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For: Reinforcing Bar-Binding Machine	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend  
the application as follows: